

From: Culture Monuments Protection Office
of City of Belgrade

To: Belgrade Jewish Community

October 12, 2020

Subject: Requirements for taking measures of technical protection for rehabilitation, restauration and conservation of the Monument to Austrian Jews killed at Zasavica, near Šabac in 1941 and buried in 1959 at the Jewish Cemetery of Belgrade

By the request addressed to the Culture Monuments Protection Office of City of Belgrade, filed under number P3272/20 of September 25, 2020, you required issuance of the requirements for taking measures of technical protection for rehabilitation, restauration and conservation of the Monument to Austrian Jews killed at Zasavica, near Sabac 1941 and buried in 1959 at the Jewish Cemetery of Belgrade.

The Culture Monuments Protection Office of City of Belgrade, by this act, stipulates the following

Requirements for Taking Measures of Technical Protection

- Washing and thorough review with surveying of the existing condition of the Memorial, damage of the foundation zone, internal and external surfaces of all walls of the monument should be done; special attention should be drawn to the inclined planes of wall at the western and southern side; thorough surveying of the vertical and horizontal wall coverings, small benches, plant boxes and stone block paving should be conducted;
- Structural rehabilitation and consolidation of the inclined walls with repositioning of the slabs of the fallen vertical and horizontal coverings of stone slabs and repointing of all washed out covering joints should be done upon all conducted surveying and testing;
- Works are to include rehabilitation of the small benches, plant boxes and stone block paving and contingent restauration or deepening of the incised inscriptions with cleaning and conservation of the cast applied Menorah;
- All stony surfaces of the wall covering, small benches and plant boxes should be renewed in hydrophobic method;
- Broad concrete gutter for collecting of rainfalls should be carried out in the zone between the northern wall and the external cemetery fence and also draining of the same along the external side of the western wall towards the wide concrete cemetery path taking into account not to endanger the neighboring graves;
- The dilapidated asphalt path providing access to the memorial from the southern side should be renewed taking into account the proper grade of the entire pathway;
- The project should be made in cooperation with the expert service of the Office;

- The project and the documentation must be made on the basis of the stated requirements for taking measures of technical protection;
- Upon making of the project and the documentation the applicant shall provide the consent of the Culture Monuments Protection Office of City of Belgrade for the same;

Reasoning

The monument to the Austrian Jews killed at Zasavica, near Šabac, was erected by Viennese Jewish Community according to the design of the architect Anri Meshulam upon transfer of the remains of 800 victims carried out in 1959. The monument was erected as the wall surface clad by grey marble where the Menorah was positioned in the right zone and the inscription in Serbian, German and Hebrew languages:

'Here rest the remains of eight hundred Jews from Austria who, on their journey to the Holy Land, were treacherously killed by Nazi criminals at Šabac on October 25, 1941. This monument is erected by the Jewish Confessional Community of Vienna and that such event should never to be forgotten.'

The subject Memorial represents a significant cultural and historical value. It is located within the necropolis 'Jewish Cemetery' in Belgrade, Mije Kovacevica 1, which is in accordance with Article 29 of the Cultural Heritage Act ('Official Journal of Republic of Serbia' No. 71/94, 52/11-state law and 99/11-state law) and registered in the Real Estate Records having the protection (Record List No. 1.4. of 25.12.2017).

This act is effective two years from the issuance date.

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